



# GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF SC

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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



by Breta Rhenev, 2015 GFOASC President

### GREETINGS MEMBERS & FRIENDS,

I have enjoyed my role as your President. It has been an awesome experience and has provided many memories I will carry with me the rest of my life. Thank you all for this opportunity and your support throughout this year.

I would like to again thank Jeff Palen and his committee for the 2015 Spring Conference, Investing In Our Employees Investing In Our Future. It was fun watching him take on this challenge. I reflected upon the 2013 Spring Conference I chaired and how it was a big step outside of my comfort zone. I am very proud of his commitment to lead his committee and successfully fulfill his duties.

Throughout the summer, Ian MacLean and his committee provided three CPE classes. He did an outstanding job scheduling and overseeing each class, along with arranging meals and especially coffee for the AM. Thank you Ian and your team for a job well done.

If you missed the 2015 Fall Conference, you missed a great one. Jennifer Broughton, President-Elect and Fall Conference Chair, along with her committee, hosted an outstanding conference. There were informative sessions in addition to fun social events. Please visit the GFOASC website and download the presentations made available to us. We also have lots of pictures posted from the conference. Here is the link, <http://gfoasc.org/fall-conference/>. Thank you for your attendance and thank you Jennifer and committee for raising the bar and providing another great conference.

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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT cont'd

As you should know by now from the Summer Newsletter and Kevin Yokim's quiz at the fall conference, GFOASC has 12 standing committees. I have addressed three of these above.

Others work behind the scene, but are critical to our success as an organization.

I would like to thank each chair and every member that served on these committees.

Please revisit the Summer Newsletter for a detailed listing of each committee,

[http://gfoasc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/GFOASC\\_Summer2015\\_FINFIN\\_dn.pdf](http://gfoasc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/GFOASC_Summer2015_FINFIN_dn.pdf).

As we close out 2015 and begin 2016, I would like to again extend my appreciation to the 2015 Board Members. It has been an honor working with each of you this year. As we look ahead to next year, let us welcome and give our support to the 2016 Board Members, especially our 2016 President, Jennifer Broughton. Click on the link to see the newly elected board members, as well as your 2016 GFOASC Board, <http://gfoasc.org/2016-board-of-directors/>.

I wish each one of you a very blessed, happy and prosperous New Year.

Breta Rheney, 2015 GFOASC President

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## SAVE THE DATES

# CONFERENCES 2016

WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER ATTENDING ONE OR BOTH OF OUR 2016 CONFERENCES.  
THE DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR THE 2016 CONFERENCES ARE:

GFOASC 2016 SPRING CONFERENCE **MAY 2, 2016**  
COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBIA, SC

GFOASC 2016 FALL CONFERENCE **OCTOBER 16 – 19, 2016**  
MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA AT GRANDE DUNES, MYRTLE BEACH, SC

# 2015 FALL CONFERENCE RECAP

by JENNIFER BROUGHTON, 2015 GFPASC President Elect/ Fall Conference Chair

**THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE 2015 FALL CONFERENCE.** We kicked off the "Together Towards Tomorrow" themed event by having a record number in attendance for the first general session. Be sure next year to be there for the first general session, it will be great!!! We continued the togetherness theme with a reception for our new comers and our past presidents. On Monday, our key note speaker, Chad Porter, took us on a journey of how to overcome just about anything life can throw our way. His story was inspirational. If you attended, please go to his website and write a testimony. [www.chadporter.org](http://www.chadporter.org) Other great general sessions included the Next Generation of Payments, How South Carolina Ranks, Building a Better Budget Document, DNR-How to Run Parks as a Business, and Market Outlook. In between those general sessions, there were very informative concurrent sessions. On Wednesday we ended the conference with three more general sessions and Cindy Coker letting us know.... **"OH THE PLACES YOU CAN GO".**

Now with all those sessions, we accountants had to have a little fun. The band was awesome!! The Finesse Band had us moving and grooving until midnight. (It's been a few years since we have had a band play until midnight.) Monday night was a most enjoyable reception sponsored by Bank of America and Tuesday night's tailgate theme was a huge success with our special visitors. Thanks to TD bank for hosting that event.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Fall Conference Committee. Their hard work and dedication made the conference a huge success. The Fall Conference Committee names are as follows: Jan Alonso, Karl Boston, Missy Coker, Kimber Cooper, Kendra Dove, Matt Evans, William Hall, Stacey Hamm, James Hayes, Carrie Johnson, Dennis Locke, Angie McInchok, Deborah Nye, Marty Rawls, Breta Rheney, Larry Sapp, Suzette Senn, Sheila Smith, Donna Sullivan, Sarah Sullivan, Bernice Tyler, Debbie Walker, and Kevin Yokim. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU to this group!!!

Also, I would like to thank all of our sponsors for making this event possible. Special thanks to Wells Fargo, TD Bank, and Bank of America for being our platinum sponsors again. The lady that makes this happen is Deborah Nye and a HUGE thank you for getting us up to \$90,000 in sponsorships!!! YOU ROCK!! The organization is looking to many more years with sponsors and Deborah, our sponsor coordinator.

As we move forward into 2016, please look for ways to volunteer within the organization. Sheila Smith will be chairing the Spring Conference, so mark your calendars to attend on May 2, 2016 in Columbia. There will also be CPE opportunities to take advantage of next year as well. The CPE classes will be held at Midlands Tech and information will be forthcoming from GFOASC.

Also, we want you at next year's fall conference. Kristina Junker, President- elect, will be chairing this event which will be held at the Marriott Grand Dunes in Myrtle Beach, October 13-19, 2016.



New CGFOS



Passing the Torch



2016 Board of Directors

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# 2015 FALL CONFERENCE RECAP



GFOASC Presidents



2016 - President-Elect, President & Immediate Past-President



Special Guests



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations! **At our Fall Conference**, we recognized **Kim Marie Vargo**, Treasurer for City of Barnwell, and **Stephanie Thomas**, Director for Budget Services for Greenville County Schools, for obtaining their CGFO certification. What an accomplishment!

### REMINDER CGFOS!

Your 2015 CPE Reports are due on February 29, 2016. The reporting form will be available soon on our website under the Members/Continuing Education tab. Please mail the completed form to:

GFOASC  
Certification Records  
PO Box 8840  
Columbia, SC 29202

## SPRING CONFERENCE 2016

by Jennifer Broughton, 2016 GFOASC President

The 2016 Spring Conference Committee has begun its planning process for an exciting Spring Conference. The conference will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Sheila Smith has agreed to Chair the Spring Conference. Sheila serves as Interim Executive Director of Business Affairs for Midlands Technical College. If you have any suggestions for topics, speakers, sponsors, door prizes or any other helpful information for the 2016 Spring Conference, please contact Sheila at [springconf@gfoasc.org](mailto:springconf@gfoasc.org).

### SAVE THE DATE

SEE YOU MAY 2, 2016 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.



# SCHOLARSHIPS 2016

by KRISTINA JUNKNER, Scholarship Committee Chair

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### NATIONAL

AGAIN THIS YEAR, the GFOA will be awarding 50 SCHOLARSHIPS PER STATE or province in the amount of the full-conference registration fee to first-time conference attendees who are national GFOA active government members. Scholarships will be awarded in the order they are received.

If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, e-mail [firstannualconference@foa.org](mailto:firstannualconference@foa.org). The annual conference will take place in Toronto, Ontario May 22-25, 2016.

For more information please visit <http://gfoa.org/annual-conference/registration-information>.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

The GFOASC will be offering TWO ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS again this year.

#### **THE WILLA S. BELLAMY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1500) —**

will be awarded to a college student who attends a public four-year college or university.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4/5/16.**

Scholarship will be awarded at the GFOASC Spring Conference.

#### **THE FOUNDING FATHERS SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000) —**

will be awarded to a college student who attends a public two-year college or university.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4/5/16.**

Scholarship will be awarded at the GFOASC Spring Conference.

#### **KATHERINE ZOOK CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP —**

The association also awards **THE KATHERINE ZOOK CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP** which covers the costs of registration fees and books for the five certification courses.

The applicant must be a member (regular or agency) of the GFOASC.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4/5/16.**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please visit [www.gfoasc.org](http://www.gfoasc.org) to download an application.

The completed application should be submitted to the following address or email [scholarship@gfoasc.org](mailto:scholarship@gfoasc.org):

#### **GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Attn: Scholarship Committee Chair

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

## STRONG YEAR-END REVENUE

by MATTHEW NORMAN, CGFO and GFOASC Treasurer

As we approach the end of the year, the financial standing of the organization is very encouraging! 2015 has been another strong year for the organization, thanks to strong attendance at our Spring and Fall Conferences, as well as our CPE classes. The current cash balance is a little over \$146,000. There are still a few minor expenses from the Fall Conference that have not been paid, but the majority of the expenses for the year are already in.

Once again, we owe a big thanks to the team at Association Plus, who have worked diligently this year to help us stay caught up on the organization's receivables. They have also been a huge help as we have transitioned to accepting credit card payments for our conferences and CPE training classes.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to have been the Treasurer for the past two years, and I am looking forward to seeing how the organization continues to grow in the future!



## GFOASC CPE CLASSES

by IAN A. MACLEAN CPA, CGFO and Program Committee Chair

## UPCOMING CPE CLASSES

GFOASC will be offering three (3) CPE classes at Midlands Technical College in Columbia, SC between June 2016 and August 2016. The exact dates are TBD.

A Continental Breakfast and Lunch are provided and are included in the registration fee. This is a low cost CPE offered by the Association for individuals in need of CPE hours. Details regarding speakers and sessions will be forthcoming. Should you have any particular topic, or a particular speaker that you would like, please email details to Ian MacLean, [macleani@midlandstech.edu](mailto:macleani@midlandstech.edu).

Thank you and best regards,  
Ian MacLean CPA, CGFO

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# SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

by CARRIE JOHNSON, Membership Committee Chair

Please make sure you keep your contact information up to date in our membership directory by logging into our website.

Everyone can recruit new members. If you become aware of someone wanting to join or just learn more about GFOASC, submit the recruits information to: [membership@gfoasc.org](mailto:membership@gfoasc.org).

## 2016 MEMBERSHIPS

(EFFECTIVE 01-01-16)

You should have already received an email from Associations Plus in regards to your membership.

If you haven't, please contact Hannah at [Hannah@associationsplus.com](mailto:Hannah@associationsplus.com).

It is important to keep your dues up to date in order to take advantage of the **EARLY BIRD MEMBER PRICING** of Conferences and member rates of the CPE classes.

### THE GFOASC OFFERS THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS:

- Individual Membership
  - Regular (Governmental), \$100
  - Retired (Governmental), \$30
  - Associate (Non-Governmental), \$130

Individuals become active members upon payment of annual dues. Membership shall commence on the date membership fees are paid and end on the last day of December of the same year. Membership renewals shall end on the last day of December for the year renewed.

### AGENCY/POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MEMBERSHIP

Two tiers of Agency memberships exists for a state agency or local government. They are provided below. When an agency membership is being requested, the tier needs to be identified, along with the total number of memberships being purchased. A list of member names, and a completed membership application for each, needs to be submitted with the application.

Tier 1, 15 Memberships @ \$1,400 with additional memberships at \$75 each

Tier 2, 25 Memberships @ \$2,125 with additional memberships at \$50 each

THE 2015 MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND RATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE, <http://gfoasc.org/become-a-member/>.

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# 2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SAMPLE

## Individual Membership

- Regular (Governmental) \$100
- Associate (Non-Governmental) \$130
- Retired (Governmental) \$30

Individuals become active members upon payment of membership dues. Membership shall commence on the date the membership fee is paid and will end on the last day of December the same year and are not prorated, refundable or assignable. An individual membership belongs to the member.

## Agency (Group) Membership

- Agency/Political Subdivision

The Agency Membership entitles a state agency, county, school district, public institution of higher learning, special purpose district, enterprise agency, or local government to a reduced membership price based on the following tiers. A completed application for each member should be submitted with the group application. This allows each member to be in the database and receive member discounts and other information. The memberships purchased belong to the group and are assignable up to the maximum purchased. These memberships belong to the group and not the individual.

Tier 1 – 15 Memberships @ \$1,400 with additional memberships at \$75 each

Tier 2 – 25 Memberships @ \$2,125 with additional memberships at \$50 each

## Purpose

The purpose of the Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina is to study, discuss, and recommend improvements in all aspects of governmental finance programs; to provide a means for the exchange of ideas and experiences among governmental finance officers; to promote and encourage professional competence through continuing education and training of governmental finance officers; to promote and foster the professional stature of all persons engaged in governmental finance activities; to collect, analyze, and distribute to governmental finance officials information relative to the organization and administration of governmental finance activities; and to promote legislation which will endorse efficiency in the financial processes for all governmental units in South Carolina.



## We Want YOU to Join the GFOASC!

Join over 500 members who have already distinguished themselves as Government Finance Officers and take advantage of our annual conferences and CPE training courses!

- Spring Conference — Up to 6 CPE Credits
- Fall Conference — Up to 16 CPE Credits
- CPE Courses — 3 Courses at 4-8 CPE Credits Each

Contact These Resources for More Information  
[www.GFOASC.org](http://www.GFOASC.org) | [info@gfoasc.org](mailto:info@gfoasc.org) | 803-252-7128

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## Membership Benefits

**Education**—GFOASC offers educational programs throughout the year, including the Annual Conferences, CPE classes and CGFO certification program. Members receive reduced rates at all GFOASC-sponsored events. Education is offered in core functional areas of government financial management, including accounting, auditing, and budgeting as well as broader management areas, such as internal controls.

**Connection**—Membership in GFOASC gives you direct contact with your colleagues throughout the state of South Carolina, including state, city and local government, higher education and school district finance officers, private sector experts, and state officials.

**Communication**—GFOASC provides members with updates regarding the latest finance information in the state. Expect seasonal newsletters, informational emails and a resource-filled website.

**Legislation**—As state and local governments, municipalities, secondary and higher education finance professionals, you need to know about the latest proposed legislation, changing regulations and understand how they impact your work. GFOASC keeps you informed about the latest changes at both the state and federal level through the spring and fall conferences and CPE classes.

## Membership Benefits, Continued

**Scholarship**—Members are eligible to apply for the Certification Scholarship, in which awards the recipient with the resources to finance the registration fees and cost of books for certification classes. Two additional scholarships are available for students enrolled in post graduate programs with concentrations in Finance at an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

**CPE Courses**—Members are offered three CPE classes each year. Learn about innovations in the field, gain technical know-how, and keep up-to-date on what you need to know to succeed in government finance. These classes are a great opportunity to network with other finance professionals while earning CPE credit.

**Employment Opportunities**—Members can obtain up-to-date listings of job openings in Government Finance agencies across the state of



## Join or Renew Today!

- Regular      Agency (Group)
- Associate       Tier 1
- Retired       Tier 2
- I'd Like to Renew!
- My Info has Changed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Government/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Complete this form and mail with your check. You can also pay by credit card on the website. Either email your form to [membership@gfoasc.org](mailto:membership@gfoasc.org) or mail it and reference payment by credit card.

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